IN RE: PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE

N/S Merritt Blvd., 1020' & 1070' SW of the c/l of Meadow Lane (1946 & 1948 Merritt Boulevard)

12th Election District
7th Councilmanic District

Beverly Karras Petitioner

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BEFORE THE

\* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case Nos. 96-406-A & 96-407-A

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### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as combined Petitions for Variance for adjoining property known as 1946 and 1948 Merritt Boulevard, located in the vicinity of Stansbury Road in Dundalk. The Petitions were filed by the owner of the property, Beverly Karras, and the Contract Purchaser of the property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard, Shelley In both cases, the Petitioner seeks relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 Ruth. of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve the property as an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R. However, in Case No. 96-406-A, the relief is sought for existing improvements at 1946 Merritt Boulevard, whereas, in Case No. 96-407-A, relief is sought for the proposed development of the property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard with a single family dwelling. Both properties and the relief requested are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Beverly karras, legal owner of both properties, and Jerry and Shelley Ruth, Contract Purchasers of the property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard. There were no Protestants present.

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Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the property known as 1946 Merritt Boulevard consists of .19 acres, more or less, (or 8,049 sq.ft.), zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a single family dwelling which has existed on the property since 1946. The property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard consists of an equal amount of land and is presently unimproved. The Contract Purchasers are desirous of developing that lot with a single family dwelling; however, in order to do so, Ms. Karras must legitimize the existing improvements at 1946 Merritt Boulevard and obtain the variance relief as set forth above in order to develop the unimproved property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard. Testimony revealed that the properties are located in an older subdivision which was laid out many years ago and that most of the lots are 50 feet wide. In fact, Ms. Karras has resided on her property since 1946 when her house was built. Testimony and evidence offered demonstrated that her home meets all side, front and rear setback requirements by today's standards; however, does not meet the 55-foot lot width required. Likewise, the adjoining lot does not meet the 55-foot lot width requirement and in order to develop the property as proposed, the requested variances are necessary. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ruth testified that the dwelling they propose to construct will meet all side, front and rear setback requirements, but will need a variance as to lot width requirements.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;



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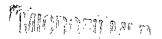
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the relief requested is not granted. It has been demonstrated that both lots were established prior to the effective date of the zoning regulations which prohibited a lot width of less than 55 feet and that strict compliance with the zoning regulations would unduly restrict development of the vacant lot. In addition, the proposed dwelling will meet all setback requirements. In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding locale, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 3rd day of June, 1996 that the Petition for Variance filed in Case No. 96-406-A seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R., for the existing



dwelling at 1946 Merritt Boulevard, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance filed in Case No. 96-407-A seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R., for the proposed development of the property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard with a single family dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) The proposed dwelling at 1948 Merritt Boulevard must meet all side, front and rear setback requirements.
- 3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs



### Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 3, 1996

Ms. Beverly Karras 1946 Merritt Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21222

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(1946 & 1948 Merritt Boulevard)

12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District

Beverly Karras - Petitioner Case Nos. 96-406-A & 96-407-A

Dear Ms. Karras:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

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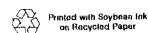
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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ruth 8812 Hinton Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21219

People's Counsel

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### ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 1946 Merritt Boulevard

Beginning at a point on the North side of Merritt Avenue which is 70 feet wide at the distance of 1020 feet West of the centerline of Meadow Lane, the nearest improved intersecting street, which is 40 feet wide. Being known as lot number 58 in the subdivision of Dundalk Farms as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #10, Folio #53; containing .19 acres.

Also known as 1946 Merritt Boulevard located in the 12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic District.

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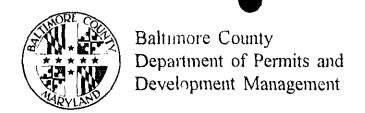
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

### ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

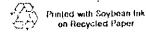
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### PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

	ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
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Item No.: 40/ Petitioner: Beverly	Karras
Location: 1946 Merritt Blul.	
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:	
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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-406-A (Item 401)

1946 Merritt Boulevard

N/S Merritt Boulevard, 1020' SW of c/l Meadow Lane

12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): Beverly Karras

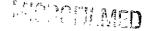
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HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.





# Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

April 25, 1996

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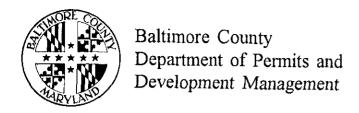
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Director

cc: Beverly Karras

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

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**Development Processing** County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

May 16, 1996

Ms. Beverly Karras 1946 Merritt Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21222

> RE: Item No.: 401

> > Case No.: 96-406-A

Petitioner: Beverly Karras

Dear Ms. Karras:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on May 6, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

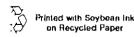
If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/iw Attachment(s)





### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon,	Director, PDM	DATE:	April 30,	1996
FROM: Arnold F. "Pa	at" Keller, III, Director, OP			
SUBJECT: 1946 and	1948 Merritt Boulevard			
INFORMATION:				
Item Number:	401 & 402			
Petitioner:	Karras Property			
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Requested Action:	Variance and Undersized Lot Approve	al		
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### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

There appears to be a conflict between the variance application and the undersized lot application. The undersized lot application elevation drawings indicate the building width is 32 feet, which would create a side yard variance on a 50 ft. wide lot. The variance application for the adjoining ownership on an undersized lot states setbacks will be met.

The Planning Office recommends approval of the undersized lot provided no side yard setback variances are needed, and the conflict between the two plans is amended. In addition, the parking area should not be a double wide pad in front of the house.

Prepared by:

Jeffry W-Za-Complellens

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### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: May 6, 1996

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division Department of Permits & Development

Management

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for May 6, 1996

Item Nos. 399, 401, 402, 405, 406, 408

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc. File

### Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 04/30/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF APRIL 29, 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

### Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 400,401,402,403,404,405,406,407,408 and 409.



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

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Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

T0:

PDM

DATE: 5-1-96

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

Permits and Development Review

DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee
Meeting Date: 4-29-96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

1:401, HOZ, 404, 407, 408

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David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

4-30-96
Baltimore County Item No. 401 (MJK)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-545-5581 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

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My telephone number is \_

# **PETITION PROBLEMS**

### #400 --- MJK

1. No undersized lot information.

### #401 --- MJK

No undersized lot information.

### #402 --- MJK

1. No undersized lot information.

### #403 --- MJK

- 1. Need name of the "Heirs of Herman I. Altenburg & Augusta Altenburg".
- 2. Need authorization for personal representative for legal owner.
- 3. Need telephone number for legal owner.

### #406 --- MJK

1. Notary section is incomplete/incorrect.

## #407 --- JJS

1. Notary section is incomplete/incorrect.

### #409 --- JCM

- 1. No section number or wording on petition form.
- 2. No telephone number for legal owner.



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1946 Merritt Boulevard, N/S Merritt Blvd,
1020' SW of c/l Meadow Lane \* ZONING COMMISSIONER

12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Beverly Karras
Petitioner \* CASE NO. 96-406-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Beverly Karras, 1946

Merritt Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21222, Petitioner.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



Revised 9/5/95

# SCHEDUS DATES, CERTIFICATE OF FILING AND POSTING FOR A BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 304.2 DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT CONTINUES

County Office Building 280 office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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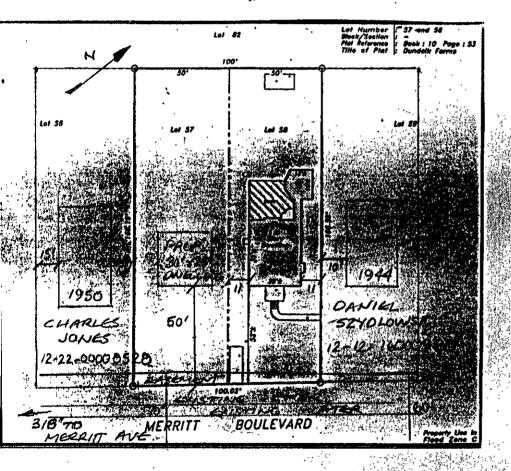
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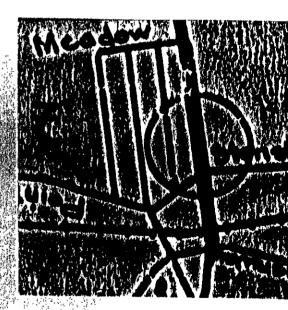
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No prior zoning hearings

96-406-A





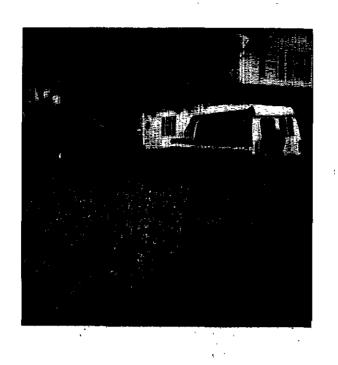
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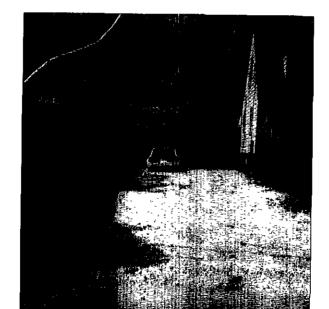
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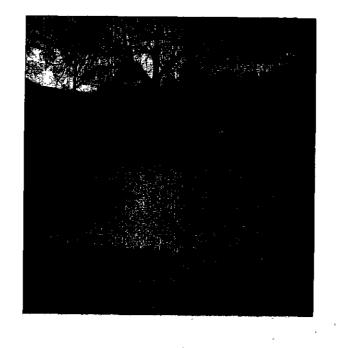












IN RE: PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE N/S Merritt Blvd., 1020' & 1070' SW of the c/l of Meadow Lane (1946 & 1948 Merritt Boulevard) 12th Election District 7th Councilmanic District Beverly Karras

Petitioner

\* BEFORE THE \* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY \* Case Nos. 96-406-A & 96-407-A

# FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as combined Petitions for Variance for adjoining property known as 1946 and 1948 Merritt Boulevard, located in the vicinity of Stansbury Road in Dundalk. The Petitions were filed by the owner of the property, Beverly Karras, and the Contract Purchaser of the property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard, Shelley Ruth. In both cases, the Petitioner seeks relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve the property as an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R. However, in Case No. 96-406-A, the relief is sought for existing improvements at 1946 Merritt Boulevard, whereas, in Case No. 96-407-A, relief is sought for the proposed development of the property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard with a single family dwelling. Both properties and the relief requested are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Beverly karras, legal owner of both properties, and Jerry and Shelley Ruth, Contract Purchasers of the property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard. There were no Protestants present

as 1946 Merritt Boulevard consists of .19 acres, more or less, (or 8,049 sq.ft.), zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a single family dwelling which has existed on the property since 1946. The property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard consists of an equal amount of land and is presently unimproved. The Contract Purchasers are desirous of developing that lot with a single family dwelling; however, in order to do so, Ms. Karras must legitimize the existing improvements at 1946 Merritt Boulevard and obtain the variance relief as set forth above in order to develop the unimproved property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard. Testimony revealed that the properties are located in an older subdivision which was laid out many years ago and that most of the lots are 50 feet wide. In fact, Ms. Karras has resided on her property since 1946 when her house was built. Testimony and evidence offered demonstrated that her home meets all side, front and rear setback requirements by today's standards; however, does not meet the

width requirements.

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An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

55-foot lot width required. Likewise, the adjoining lot does not meet the

55-foot lot width requirement and in order to develop the property as

proposed, the requested variances are necessary. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ruth

testified that the dwelling they propose to construct will meet all side,

front and rear setback requirements, but will need a variance as to lot

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the property known

1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented,

it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the relief requested is not granted. It has been demonstrated that both lots were established prior to the effective date of the zoning regulations which prohibited a lot width of less than 55 feet and that strict compliance with the zoning regulations would unduly restrict development of the vacant lot. In addition, the proposed dwelling will meet all setback requirements. In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding locale, and meets the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 3rd day of June, 1996 that the Petition for Variance filed in Case No. 96-406-A seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front ▶ lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve an

dwelling at 1946 Merritt Boulevard, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED: and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance filed in Case No. 96-407-A seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R., for the proposed development of the property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard with a single family dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

2) The proposed dwelling at 1948 Merritt Boulevard must meet all side, front and rear setback require-

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Ms. Beverly Karras 1946 Merritt Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21222

RE: PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE N/S Merritt Blvd., 1020' & 1070' SW of the c/l of Meadow Lane (1946 & 1948 Merritt Boulevard) 12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District Beverly Karras - Petitioner Case Nos. 96-406-A & 96-407-A

Dear Ms. Karras:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours, Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

(410) 887-4386

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ruth 8812 Hinton Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

People's Counsel

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at

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Which is presently zoned OR 5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat ettached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1802.3.C.1 OF BCZR TO REMIT A FRONT LUT WIDTH OF SO FEET IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 55 FEET I TO APPROVE AN UNDERSIZED LOT PURSUANT SECTION 304 AS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) (1) MOST LOTS IN DREA ARE 50' & MOST HEMB CONSTRUCTED IN AREA ARE ON 50' LOS (2) EXISTING, SETBACKS AS REQUIRED ARE MET I WILL BE MET Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. If to perfect the public distribution as prescribed by containing inequiations.

If or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that they are the 1946 MERRITI BLVD 288-3916 BENGELY KARRAS 1946 MERRITI BLUD Pristed with Soybean Int. on Recycled Paper MEMBERS BY: 20076 DATE 4/17/96

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96-406-A ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 1946 Merritt Boulevard

Beginning at a point on the North side of Merritt Avenue which is 70 feet wide at the distance of 1020 feet West of the centerline of Meadow Lane, the nearest improved intersecting street, which is 40 feet wide. Being known as lot number 58 in the subdivision of Dundalk Farms as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #10 , Folio #53; containing .19 acres. Also known as 1946 Merritt Boulevard located in the 12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic District.

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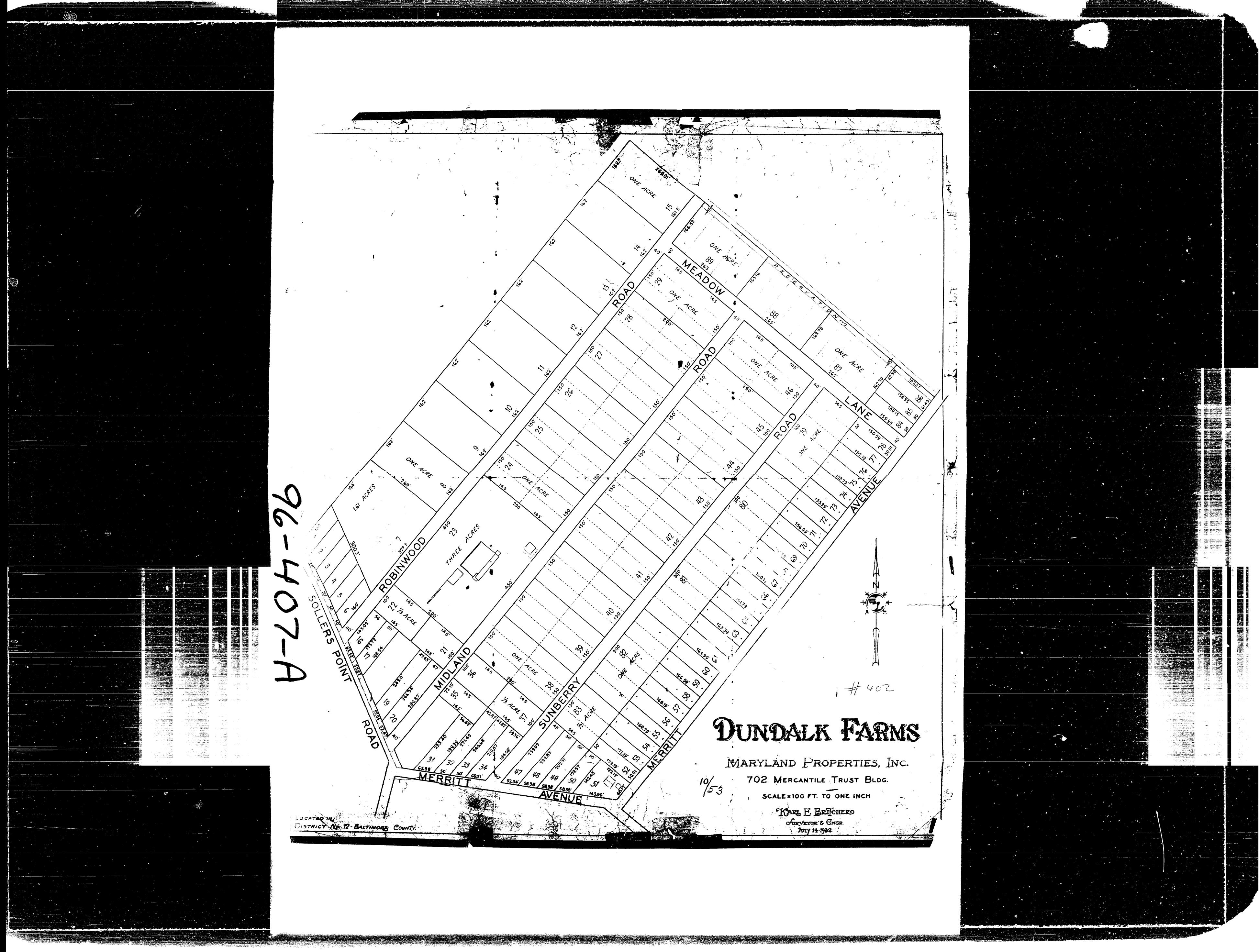
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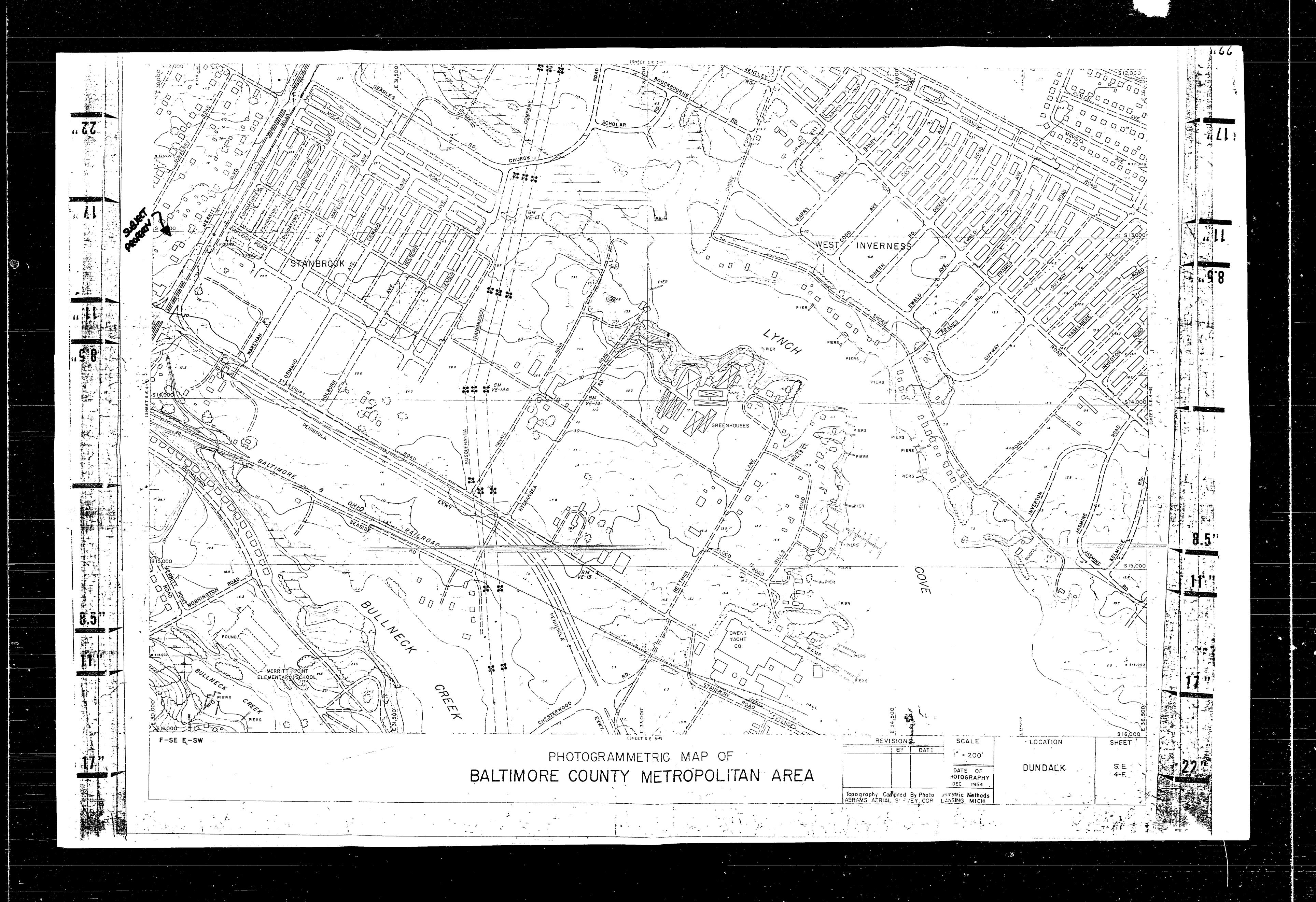
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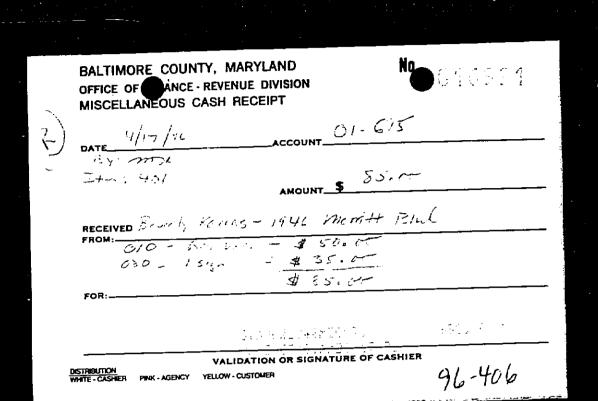
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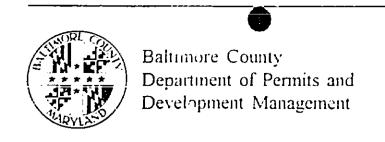
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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING |" = 200° ± S. E. DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY JANUARY 1986 DUNDALK PHOTOGRAPHIC MAP PREPARED BY AIR PHOTOGRAPHICS, INC. MARTINSBURG, W.V. 25401





Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

# ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

# PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON	, DIRECTOR
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Item No.: 40/ Petitioner: Bovery Karras	
Location: 1946 Merr. H Blus.	
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:	
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TO: DUTUMENT PUBLICATING COMPANY May 2, 1996 Issue - Jeffersonian

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-406-A (Item 401) 1946 Merritt Boulevard N/S Merritt Boulevard, 1020' SW of c/l Meadow Lane 12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Beverly Karras

Variance to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and for the Zoning Commissioner to provide relief under Section 304 for an undersized lot.

HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

April 25, 1996

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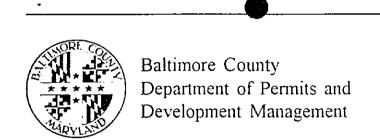
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

May 16, 1996

Ms. Beverly Karras 1946 Merritt Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21222

> RE: Item No.: 401 Case No.: 96-406-A Petitioner: Beverly Karras

Dear Ms. Karras:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on May 6, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

> Sincerely, Cont Richards W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw Attachment(s) BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM DATE: April 30, 1996

FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director, OP

SUBJECT: 1946 and 1948 Merritt Boulevard

Item Number: Petitioner:

Property Size:

Variance and Undersized Lot Approval Requested Action:

There appears to be a conflict between the variance application and the undersized lot application. The undersized lot application elevation drawings indicate the building width is 32 feet, which would create a side yard variance on a 50 ft. wide lot. The variance application for the adjoining ownership on an undersized lot states setbacks will be met.

The Planning Office recommends approval of the undersized lot provided no side yard setback variances are needed, and the conflict between the two plans is amended. In addition, the parking area should not be a double wide pad in front

BALTINORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date. May 6, 1996

Armold Jablon, Director Department of Permits & Development

Management TROM: () , Rubert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division Department of Permits & Development Management

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 6, 1996/ Item Nos. 399, 401, 402, 405, 406, 408

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

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700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal

DATE: 04/30/94

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

MAIL STOP-1105 RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Baltimore County Office Building

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF APRIL 29, 1996.

Zoning Administration and

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Towson. MD 21204

Item No.: SEE BELGW

Director

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed

by this Eureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:400.401,402.403.404.405. 406.407.408 and 409.

Zoning Agenda:

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office. PHONE 887-4881. MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

DATE: 5-1-96

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

R. Bruce Seeley Permits and Development Review DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Date: 4 29.96

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s:401,402,404,407,408

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

4-36-96

RE: Baltimore County Ms. Joyce Watson Item No. 401 (MJK) Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 1946 Merritt Boulevard, N/S Merritt Blvd, 1020' SW of c/l Meadow Lane 12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic

Beverly Karras

Petitioner

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY CASE NO. 96-406-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County CAROLE S. DEMILIO

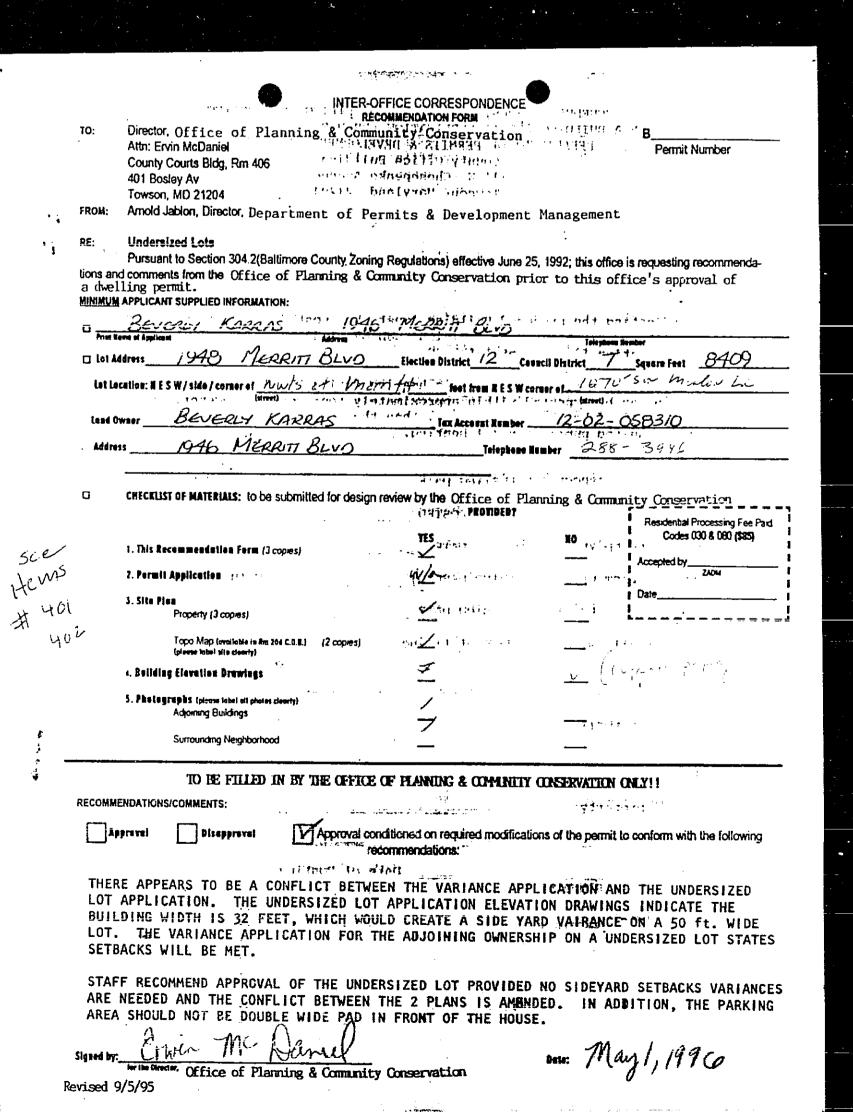
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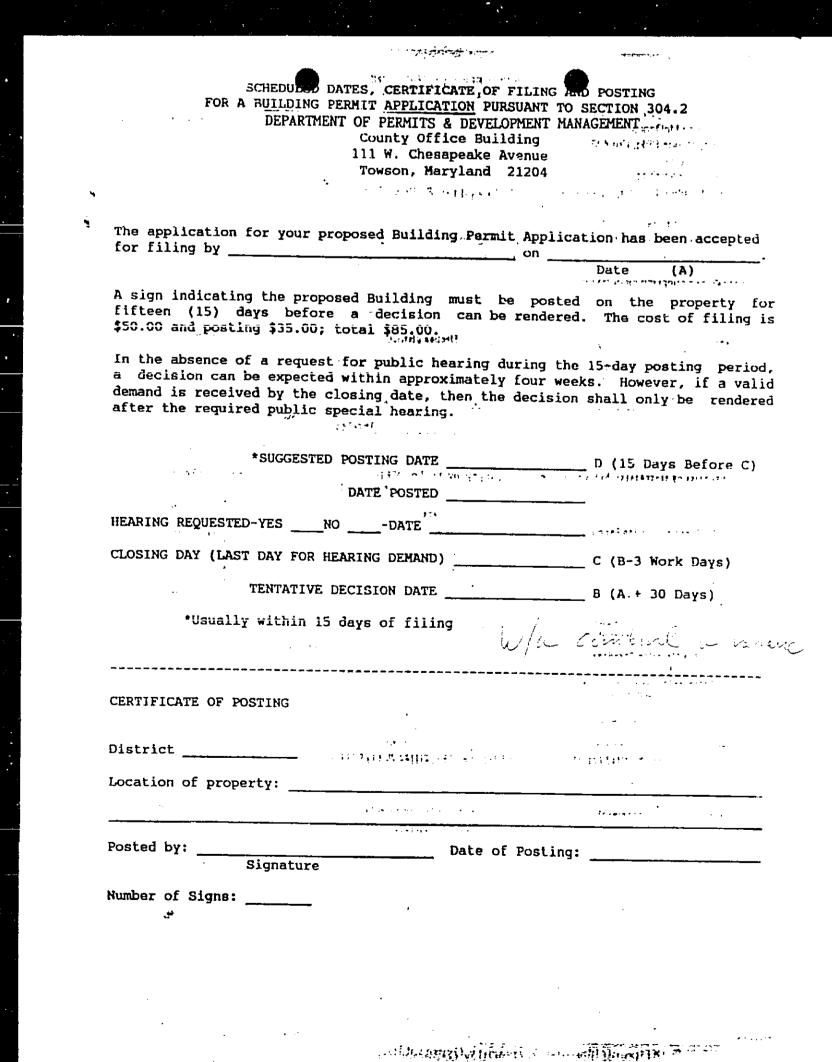
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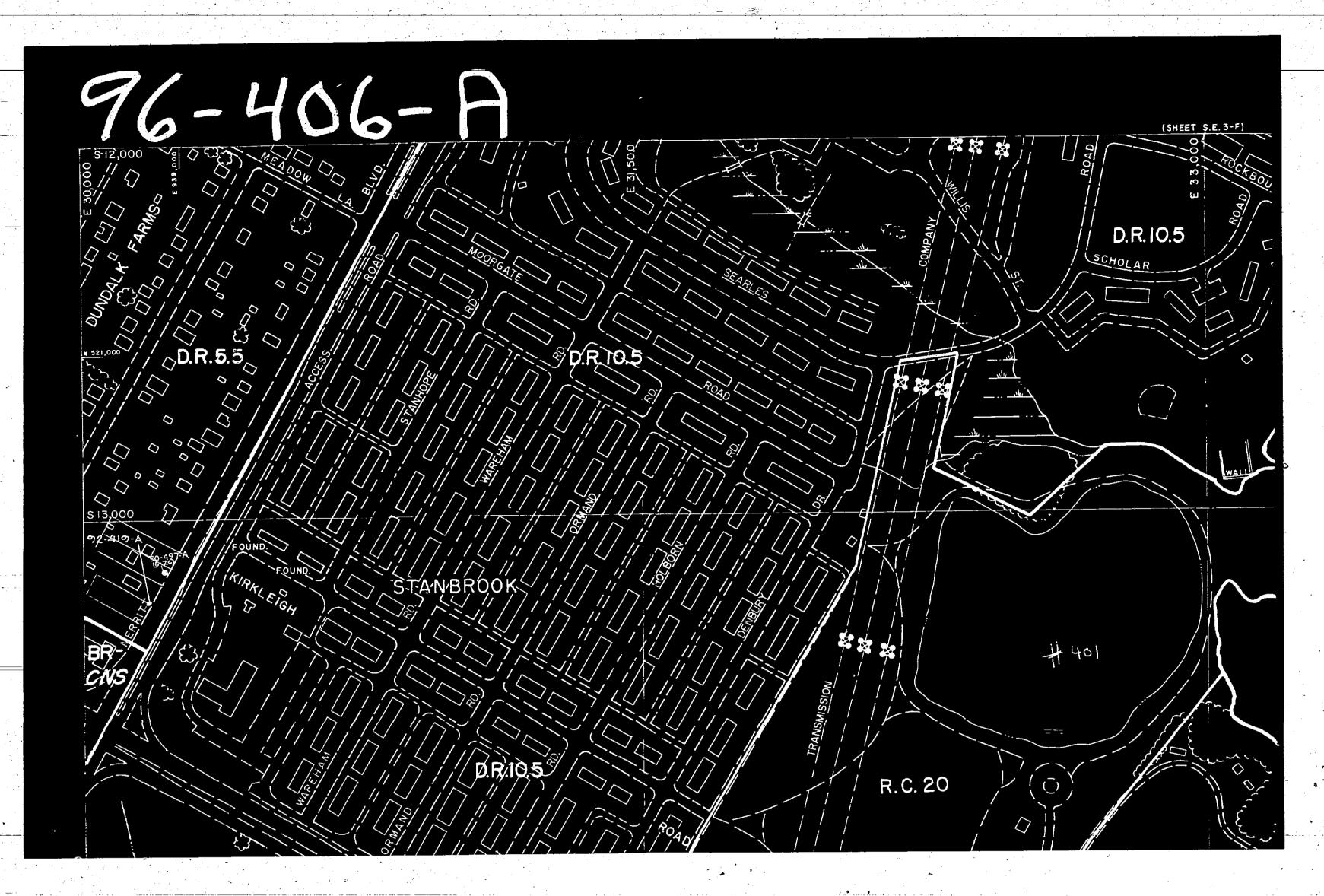
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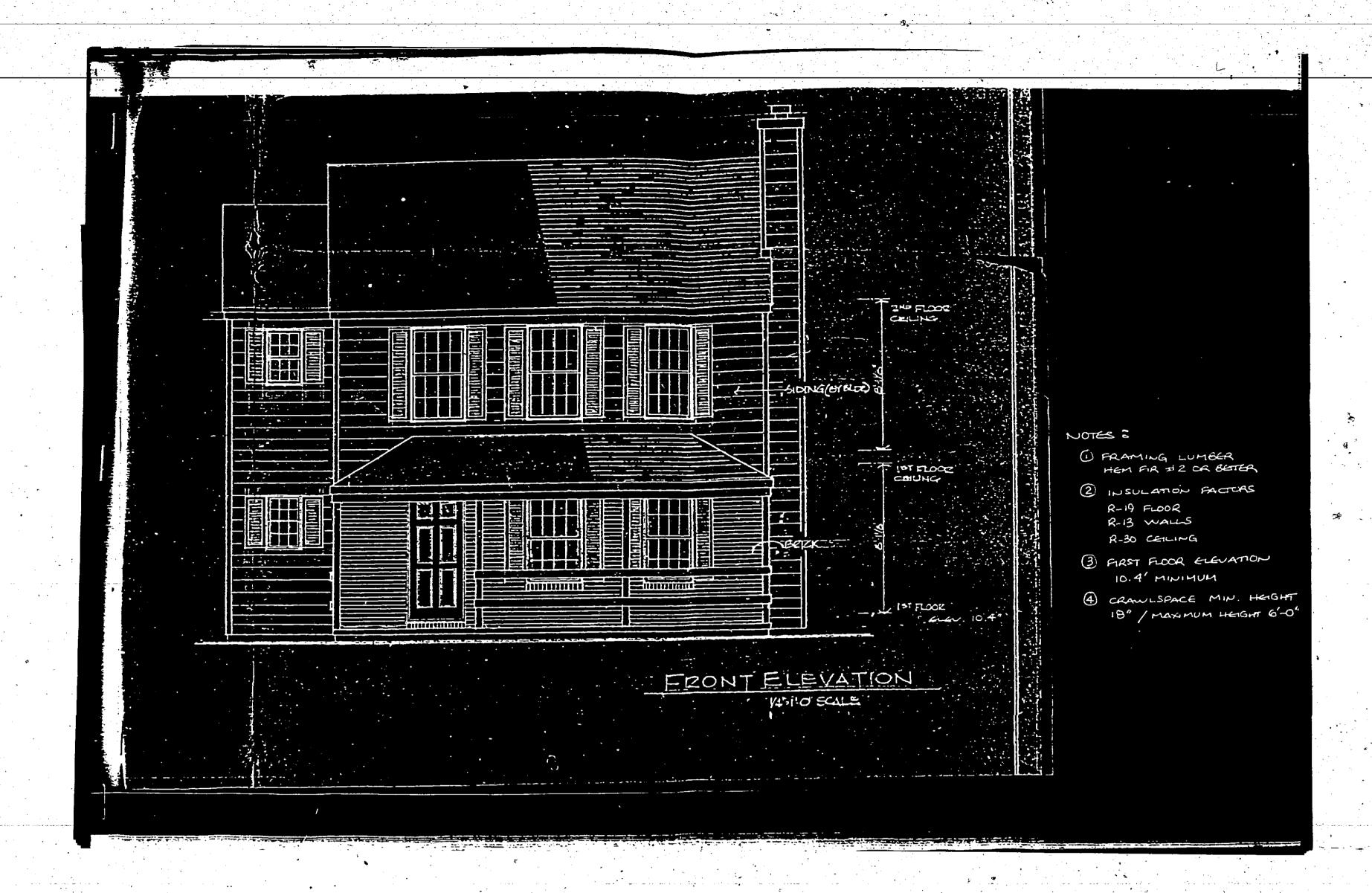
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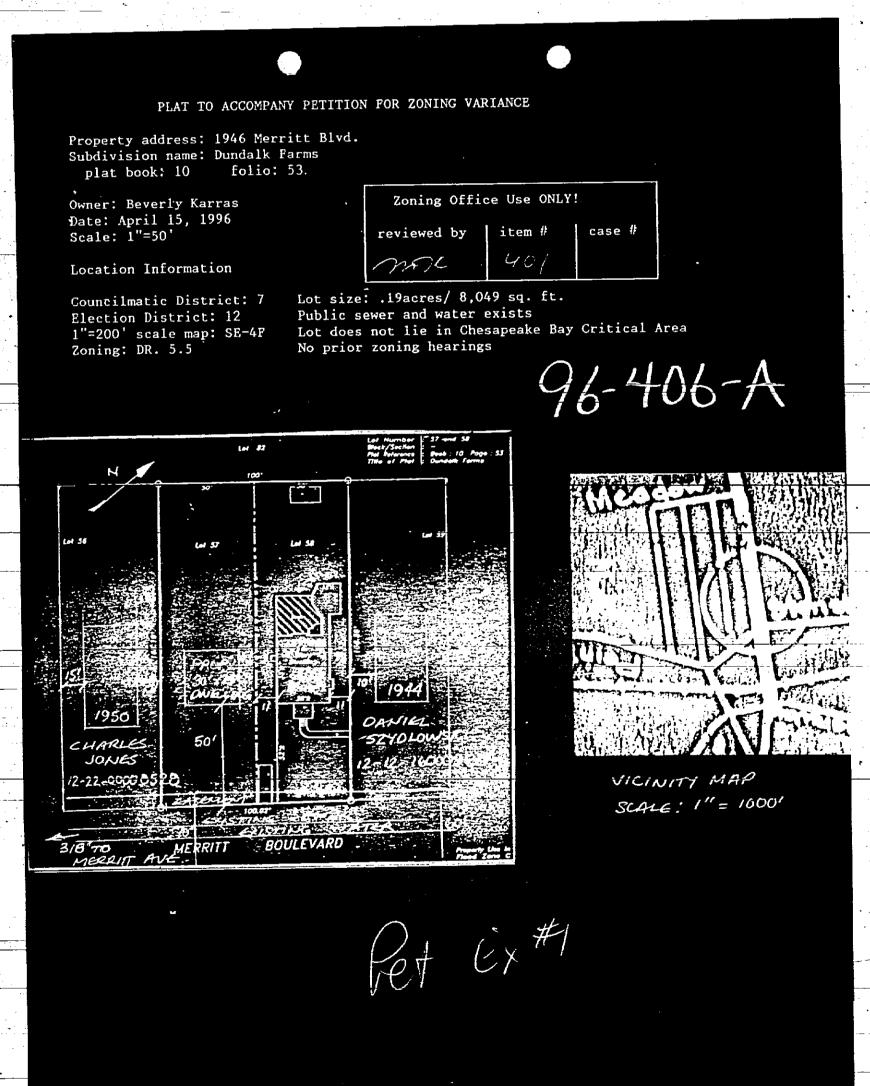
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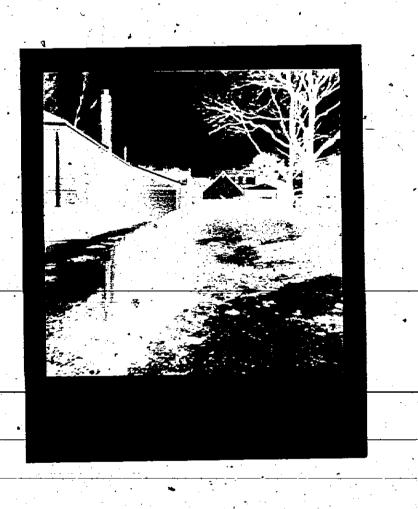












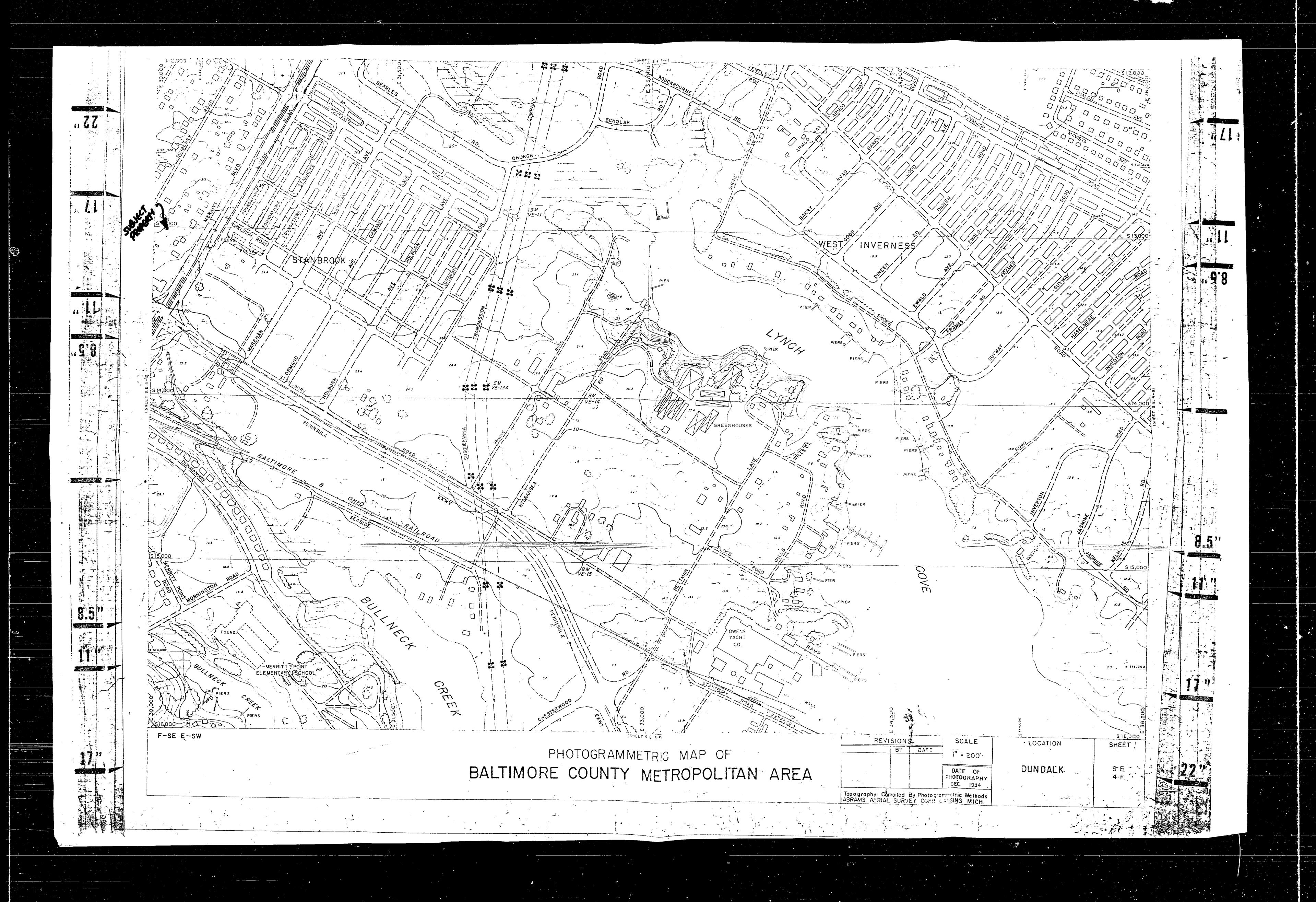














# FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as combined Petitions for Variance for adjoining property known as 1946 and 1948 Merritt Boulevard, located in the vicinity of Stansbury Road in Dundalk. The Petitions were filed by the owner of the property, Beverly Karras, and the Contract Purchaser of the property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard, Shelley Ruth. In both cases, the Petitioner seeks relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve the property as an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R. However, in Case No. 96-406-A, the relief is sought for existing improvements at 1946 Merritt Boulevard, whereas, in Case No. 96-407-A, relief is sought for the proposed development of the property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard with a single family dwelling. Both properties and the relief requested are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Beverly Karras, legal owner of both properties, and Jerry and Shelley Ruth, Con-Karras, legal owner of both tract Purchasers of the proposers were no Protestants present. tract Purchasers of the property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard. There

> Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

June 3, 1996

N/S Merritt Blvd., 1020' & 1070' SW of the c/l of Meadow Lane

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavor-

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Variance have been granted in

able, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on

filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development

12th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the property known as 1946 Merritt Boulevard consists of .19 acres, more or less, (or 8,049 sq.ft.), zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a single family dwelling which has existed on the property since 1946. The property known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard consists of an equal amount of land and is presently unimproved. The Contract Purchasers are desirous of developing that lot with a single family dwelling; however, in order to do so, Ms. Karras must legitimize the existing improvements at 1946 Merritt Boulevard and obtain the variance relief as set forth above in order to develop the unimproved property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard. Testimony revealed that the properties are located in an older subdivision which was laid out many years ago and that most of the lots are 50 feet wide. In fact, Ms. Karras has resided on her property since 1946 when her house was built. Testimony and evidence offered demonstrated that her home meets all side, front and rear setback requirements by today's standards; however, does not meet the 55-foot lot width required. Likewise, the adjoining lot does not meet the 55-foot lot width requirement and in order to develop the property as proposed, the requested variances are necessary. Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ruth testified that the dwelling they propose to construct will meet all side, front and rear setback requirements, but will need a variance as to lot

width requirements. An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

 whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

 whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals. Town of Chesapeake Reach, 22 Md. App. 28

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the relief requested is not granted. It has been demonstrated that both lots were established prior to the effective date of the zoning regulations which prohibited a lot width of less than 55 feet and that strict compliance with the zoning regulations would unduly restrict development of the vacant lot. In addition, the proposed dwelling will meet all setback requirements. In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding locale, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 30 day of June, 1996 that the Petition for Variance filed in Case No. 96-406-A seeking relief from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 3C4 of the B.C.Z.R., for the existing

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 1948 Merritt Boulevard

Beginning at a point on the North side of Merritt Avenue

which is 70 feet wide at the distance of 1070 feet West of

intersecting street, which is 40 feet wide. Being known as

Also known as 1948 Merritt Boulevard located in the 12th

the centerline of Meadow Lane, the nearest improved

lot number 57 in the subdivision of Dundalk Farms as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #10 , Folio #53;

Election District, 7th Councilmanic District.

containing .19 acres.

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dwelling at 1946 Merritt Boulevard, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance filed in Case No. 96-407-A seeking relief from Section 1802.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet and to approve an undersized lot, pursuant to Section 304 of the B.C.Z.R., for the proposed development of the property at 1948 Merritt Boulevard with a single family dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> 2) The proposed dwelling at 1948 Merritt Boulevard must meet all side, front and rear setback requirements.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 1948 MERRITT BLVO.

which is presently zoned OR 5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1802.3.C. i of B.C.Z.R. TO PERMIT A FRONT LOT WINTH OF 50 FEET IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 55 FEET " TO APPROVE AN UNDERSIZED LOT PURSUANT SECTION 304 BE DETERMINED BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or D MOST LOTS IN AREA ARE SO' & MOST HOMES CONSTRUCTED IN AREA ARE ON SO' LOS (2) EXISTING SETBACKS AS REQUIRED ARE MET & WILL BE MET Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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Ms. Beverly Karras

1946 Merritt Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21222

RE: PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE

(1946 & 1948 Merritt Boulevard)

Beverly Karras - Petitioner

accordance with the attached Order.

Management office at 887-3391.

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ruth

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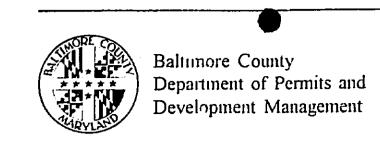
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**LEGAL AD. - TOWSON** 



Development Processing County Office Building III West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

# ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

### PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

	ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING CONNISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Department of Permits and Development Managemen

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April 25, 1996

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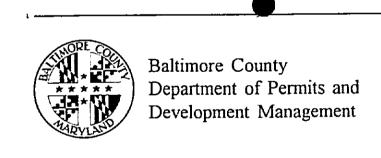
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

May 16, 1996

Ms. Beverly Karras 1946 Merritt Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21222

> RE: Item No.: 402 Case No.: 96-407-A Petitioner: Beverly Karras

Dear Ms. Karras:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on May 6, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Zöning Supervisor

WCR/jw Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director, PDM

DATE: April 30, 1996

FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director, OP

SUBJECT: 1946 and 1948 Merritt Boulevard

Petitioner:

Property Size: Zoning: Variance and Undersized Lot Approval

There appears to be a conflict between the variance application and the undersized lot application. The undersized lot application elevation drawings indicate the building width is 32 feet, which would create a side vard variance on a 50 ft. wide lot. The variance application for the adjoining ownership on an undersized lot states setbacks will be met.

The Planning Office recommends approval of the undersized lot provided no side yard setback variances are needed, and the conflict between the two plans is amended. In addition, the parking area should not be a double wide pad in front of the house.

Prepared by: Seffing W-

PK/JL:lw

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Date. May 6, 1996 Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM: | Robert W. Bowling, Chief Development Plans Review Division
Department of Permits & Development Management

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 6, 1996 Item Nos. 399, 401, 402, 405, 406, 408

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments. RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal (410)887-4880

DATE: 04/30/96

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF APRIL 29. 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 400,401 (402,)403,404,405, 406,407,408 and 409.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

R. Bruce Seeley

DATE: 5-1-96

Permits and Development Review SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Date: 42996

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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4-30-96

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE Director, Office of Planning & Community Conservation
Attn. Ervin McDaniei

County Courts Bidg, Rm 406

100 651757 Vilia Permit Number 11 the chember of the 401 Bosley Av their hangyan change Towson, MD 21204 FROM: Arnold Jablon, Director, Department of Permits & Development Management RE: Undersized Lots Pursuant to Section 304 2(Baltimore County Zoning Regulations) effective June 25, 1992; this office is requesting recommendations and comments from the Office of Planning & Community Conservation prior to this office's approval of MINIMUM APPLICANT SUPPLIED INFORMATION: THE BOOM of Applicated KARRAS AND 1946 THE BLAD INCHES BOOMER BOO Lot Address 1948 MERRITI BLVD Election District 12 Council District 7 Square Feet 8409 Let Lacettee: # ES W/side / corner et | www/s - + Mayin ffroit - feet from # ES W corner et | 1470 Sw Made La

Land Owner | BEVERLY KARRAS | 14 1144 | fixth Account Homber | 12-62-058310 Address 946 MERRITI BLVD Telephone Homber 258-3446 CHECKLIST OF MATERIALS: to be submitted for design review by the Office of Planning & Community Conservation Residential Processing Fee Paid Codes 030 & 060 (\$85) 1. This Recommendation form (3 copies) -----Topo Map (everlable is the 204 C.O.R.) [2 copies] (pieces tobel site clearly) c. Beliding Elevation Drawings 5. Phutagruphs (plouse labet all photos clearly) Adjoining Buildings Surrounding Neighborhood TO HE FILLED IN BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ONLY!! and the same of the same of the Approval conditioned on required modifications of the permit to conform with the following e elitarit ter alam 

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ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Lete Max Cummerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this  $\frac{1770}{120}$  day of May, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Beverly Karras, 1946 Merritt Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21222, and to Shelley Ruth, 8812 Hinton Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21219, Petitioners.

Peter Max Timmerman

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

Property address: 1948 Merritt Blvd. plat book: 10 folio: 53.

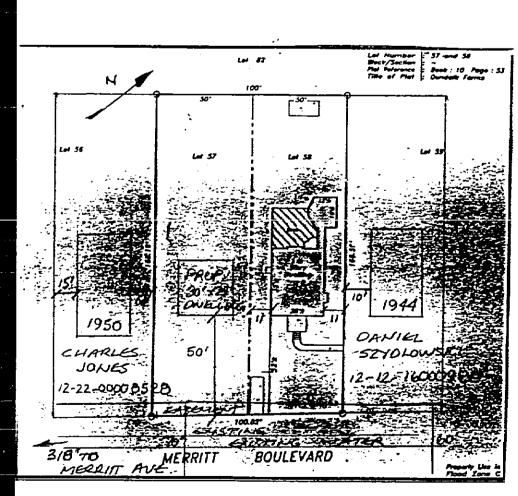
Owner: Beverly Karras Date: April 15, 1996 Scale: 1"=50'

Location Information

Zoning Office Use ONLY!

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Lot size: .19acres/ 8,049 sq. ft. Public sewer and water exists Lot does not lie in Chesapeake Bay Critical Area 1"=200' scale map: SE-4F Zoning: DR. 5.5 No prior zoning hearings



VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1"= 1000'

D.R.10.5